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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 23-26 have been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-26.

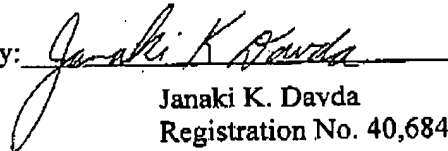
Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wu for indicating that claims 10-22 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 23-26 place claims 1-9 and 23-26 in condition for allowance.

Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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